

The Sabbath Recorder

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
 Forgive our feverish ways!
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
 In purer lives Thy service find,
 In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
 Beside the Syrian sea,
 The gracious calling of the Lord,
 Let us, like them, without a word
 Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
 O calm of hills above,
 Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
 The silence of eternity.
 Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
 Till all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the pulses of desire
 Thy coolness and Thy balm;
 Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
 Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
 O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872.

back. The various committees of the church, called "Service Committees," reported considerable activity at the annual meeting on April 1, and again at the quarterly meeting held May 6. One of the long-range plans of the Evangelistic Committee is to actively promote the Billy Graham Campaign in New York next year. It is expected that the Plainfield Church life will be considerably affected by that campaign.

The pastor, Rev. Lee Holloway, who is spending a part of each day attending classes at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, requested at the May 6 meeting that his vacation this year be changed from August to June in order that he might take some summer school religious education courses in a seminary in Lexington, Ky. The request was granted. This means for the local congregation and summer visitors that church services will not be suspended during August as in previous years. Visitors, therefore, will find services and a pastor available all through the summer.

EDINBURG, TEXAS — From the Southwestern News Letter printed by the Bible Witness Press we note a Spanish work being done under the sponsorship of the local church. One woman is conducting Bible classes for children on Sabbath afternoons in Spanish. The church people have helped on the hospital expenses of a minister of another denomination who has been studying the Sabbath question. It is hoped that he will work for the Sabbath cause among the Mexican people.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Charles D. Swing of Syracuse has accepted the call to become pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at De Ruyter, N. Y. Mr. Swing, licensed by his home church at Shiloh, N. J., has served in the De Ruyter pulpit a number of times when they have been without a pastor. Everyone is indeed joyful that Mr. and Mrs. Swing have made the decision to enter into full-time Christian service and they will be taking up their duties in this field the forepart of June. [Look for a feature story on this by the former pastor, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler.]

BULLETIN GLEANINGS — Advance publicity for Sabbath Rally Day has appeared in a number of church bulletins.

The publicity has mentioned panel discussions on Sabbath eve, special messages or guest speakers at the morning services, and in some cases, a program on the evening after the Sabbath. Readers of this column will be looking for news about the success of the rallies in the issues immediately following the celebration.

Accessions

Plainfield, N. J.

By Letter:
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 Mrs. Charles H. North
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De Ruyter, N. Y.

By Letter:
 Warren F. Brannon
 Marion M. (Mrs. Warren) Brannon

Nortonville, Kan.

By Testimony:
 Wilma (Mrs. Robert) Bond

Marriages

Jones - Monroe. — William Ray Jones and Bernice Ernestine Monroe were united in marriage on April 7, 1956, at the home of the bride's cousins, at Ocala, Fla., by Rev. W. E. Moore. The couple will reside in Ocala, Fla.

Births

Potter. — A daughter, Melisse Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Potter of Alfred, N. Y., on March 21, 1956.

Richards. — A son, Timothy Reese, to Don and Edna Ruth Richards of Berea, W. Va., May 1, 1956.

Obituaries

Cottrell. — Margaret Stone, daughter of Gregory and Maitha Stone, was born at Jasper, N. Y., Feb. 5, 1882, and died at Baltimore, Md., April 26, 1956.

Farewell services were conducted in the Marlboro, N. J., Church on Sabbath afternoon, April 28, by her pastor, Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, assisted by Rev. Paul Osborn. She was buried beside her son in the churchyard. A more extended obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.

Babcock. — Carrie Mullet, was born Jan. 24, 1867, and passed away Sept. 30, 1955, at a hospital in Miles City, Mont.

She was married to Otis Babcock March 13, 1886, in the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she was long a member. Mr. Babcock and a daughter, Grace, preceded her in death some years ago. A son, Merrill, and family, with whom she was living at the time of her death, survive her. — Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson.

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HE GAMBLED WITH JUSTICE

A lifetime gambler, Frank Costello, who has been in trouble with the law for a number of years, appears to have lost what may be his final gamble with justice. In 1953 he was released from a federal penitentiary after serving 14 months of an 18-month term for contempt of the U. S. Senate Crime Committee.

In 1954 Costello was convicted of evading \$39,000 in income tax. Fined \$20,000 and sentenced to 5 years in prison, he carried his appeal to the Supreme Court. On May 8 Judge John F. X. McGohey, who had presided at the 1954 trial, turned down a last-ditch plea for a suspension or reduction of sentence on the ground that Costello is suffering from cancer and getting along in years (he is 65). The judge ordered him to surrender on May 14.

The safety of the whole commonwealth depends on the meting out of unswerving justice to lawbreakers convicted by due process of law. Sometimes there is a tempering of justice with mercy as is called for in the immortal words of Portia in Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*: "Though justice be thy plea consider this — That in the course of justice none of us should see salvation." In the present case there is no apparent unreasonableness in the sentence. At least the highest court of the land so ruled.

Furthermore, the reports coming to us fail to indicate any repentance, remorse, or change of heart on the part of this man who has lived so long on other people's money. He seems to have shown no signs of mercy himself, even denying the benefits of good government to the people to the extent of \$39,000 rightfully owed.

Before the bar of eternal justice all men must ultimately appear. No human legal maneuvers will avail in the court of heaven at the return of Christ. Pleas for mercy at that late hour will have to go unheeded in the light of the fact that we have had full opportunity in this life to repent, receive forgiveness, and mend our ways. Gratitude for the infinite mercy of God in Christ Jesus wells up within the soul of every believer who has experienced this pardon — this subduing of the sinful nature within us.

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For those who are saved from the guilt and penalty of sin there is no longer any gambling with justice and losing in the end. We have passed from death unto life. And, as the Bible says: "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit" (Rom. 8: 1). Shall we not then warn and plead with such men as Frank Costello and lesser criminals? Shall we not tell them of the Saviour who now forgives but who one day will be the Judge of all the earth?

LOVERS OF PEACE

In a syndicated column on the editorial page of the *Westerly Sun*, Bruce Biossat frequently has some very well-chosen words about world events. The following statement coming some time after the Soviet diplomats had completed their tour of Britain is worthy of note:

"In their tour Bulganin and Khrushchev got the chilly treatment deserved by proved agents of tyranny and unproved 'lovers of peace.' When it comes to coating a situation with the proper thickness of ice, nobody can surpass the British. They produced nobly."

Mr. Biossat goes on to draw a proper lesson ending with the words: "They showed they know how to use responsibly the great privilege of being free men."

We would like to draw a little more spiritual lesson for our column. The political leaders of the Soviet Union are committed to atheism and make little more than a show of tolerating the Christian faith of those of their subjects who cannot be persuaded to repudiate their church connections. To pose as lovers of peace while fighting the Prince of Peace does not ring true. The above-mentioned diplomats allowed themselves to be pictured with their hands folded as if in prayer in a famous London church. In our opinion, that was a case of studied acting rather than genuine prayer.

What says the Christian Gospel? Christ came with an angelic proclamation of peace at His birth. He told His disciples at His death, "These things I have spoken

unto you, that in me ye might have peace" (John 16: 33). In the same address He had promised that He was leaving them a heritage of His peace and had added, "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14: 27). Such a heritage should enable us, as the Apostle Paul says, to be "blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2: 15). The Gospel tells us that Jesus is our peace (Eph. 2: 14) and that He "came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh" (Eph. 2: 17). On this basis it is not unreasonable to accept the difficult exhortation of Romans 12: 18: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men."

Christians must, of necessity, be true lovers of peace. We doubt if many others can be, since they lack the basis for it. As a denomination Seventh Day Baptists have always been in the position of a small minority among other Christian bodies and a smaller minority in the whole world stream. We have perhaps learned some lessons of seeking peace when in the midst of tribulation which some other Christians have been slower to learn.

Now, with the world dividing more sharply into two political and religious camps, all denominations are learning what it is to be minority groups even when united in the largest ecumenical fellowship. All Christians must be lovers of peace, but certainly not "peace at any price." We doubtless should be quick to forgive on a grand scale but the attitude of the British as evaluated by Mr. Biossat in the above quotation is not necessarily sub-Christian. They have learned, he says, "how to use responsibly the great privilege of being free men."

"Farm people cherish the ideals of the Christian faith and respond readily to appeals based on justice, mutual aid, stewardship, and sharing of the abundant life," says James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union.

we are congregational in government and polity, but we must think of our congregationalism on higher ground than our love of liberty. Rather we believe in congregationalism in distinction from Episcopalianism because it gives the best expression to the Spirit.

The priesthood of all believers is emphasized in the New Testament. It is our responsibility to mediate this glorious idea to others. The problem to be faced is how we can allow any organization when all are of equal rank according to the Scripture. We must remember in this connection that God works through people and that certain balancing tensions are as normal in church organization as in the human body.

Again under the leadership of the Spirit there are, according to the New Testament, certain gifts bestowed upon some more than upon others. These gifts of teaching, preaching, etc. are not special privileges of a ruling class in the church. The minister in Baptist polity is a man of only one vote in church matters, and he ought to remember it. We should bear in mind that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit the minister cannot become a politician in his church. Even his ideas of Scripture interpretation ought to be checked with the brethren if this basic principle of the priesthood of all believers is to be maintained.

Congregational polity does not rule out interdependence with other bodies, affirmed Dr. Torbet. Some Baptist groups have been in error on this point and have come to be known as "anti-effort" or "anti-mission" Baptists. There is nothing inconsistent with Baptist polity in creating means and agencies for accomplishing the work of the Spirit-guided church.

Organization Is a Channel for the Spirit

In maintaining the theological presuppositions of polity the guest speaker bore down on the point that organization should not exist within the denomination for its own sake, but only as a channel through which the Holy Spirit can best work. Since the days of John Wycliffe we have been nonconformists rebelling against those who say of the organization,

"This is it." Some have carried the non-conformist idea to the point of creating schisms. Some have advocated closed Communion in a very strict sense. But organization, when it is a means rather than an end in itself, is a good and necessary thing. Just as we have certain organizations in the local church to carry on the work of the church as the Holy Spirit would seem to direct, so we can logically have organization on associational or denominational levels. If, however, either in the local or larger group the organization or department develops into a rival of the church then a basic principle is violated.

[The above summary is taken from notes by the editor and is largely paraphrase rather than direct quotation. The second lecture dealing more strictly with specific plans and problems of organization in the American Baptist Convention may not be quite as inspirational to the general reader. The ministers who heard both lectures (at least some of them) voiced the feeling that this first lecture briefly reported here was well worth the cost of the conference.]

Central New York Association

The spring meeting of the Central Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of New York will be held in Leonardsville on June 1, 2, and 3. The mission theme chosen for these meetings is "To the Ends of the Earth," with subtopics, "Lengthen Thy Cords," and "Strengthen Thy Stakes" (Isa. 54: 2). It is expected that the Conference president and the secretary of the Missionary Board will be in attendance to conduct mission study groups in both home and foreign missions.

Wisconsin Semiannual Meeting

The Semiannual Meeting of Minnesota and Northern Wisconsin Churches will be held at New Auburn, June 1, 2, and 3. Theme: "Except the Lord Build."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for June 2, 1956

Claiming the Cities for Christ
Lesson Scripture: Acts 16: 6-10; 18: 5-11.

Churches Calling Pastors

Again there is considerable shifting of pastors due to missionary calls and other circumstances. The DeRuyter, N. Y., Church has filled its recently vacated pulpit by calling a layman. Brookfield and Leonardsville are looking for a leader to replace Rev. Marion Van Horn when he goes to the Southwest in June.

The Alfred Station Church is calling with a desire to have a full-time minister to take the place of Rev. Albert Rogers, new dean of the seminary. Los Angeles recently announced a special meeting to consider the matter of a new pastor. Rev. Leon Lawton soon goes from that church to the Jamaica mission field. The Daytona Church pastor leaves soon for further work at the Pacific School of Religion. The Schenectady Church is known to be looking for suitable ordained leadership.

Lost Creek will be needing a new pastor in August when their present minister is released to become secretary of the Board of Christian Education. A few other churches that have until recently enjoyed the services of regular or student pastors are no doubt longing for the time when they can again have the help of a paid ministry.

In addition there are new fellowships and churches which could spring into greater life with more adequate leadership. Some of the leadership is presently available. While we pray for new men to lead in the pastoral office, let us not forget to pray that the Holy Spirit may lead us to use all the trained leaders who are anxious and able to devote their full energy to the cause of Christ as represented by our denomination.

Ministerial Relations File

Churches and ministers desiring information from the Ministerial Relations file formerly kept by A. Burdet Crofoot at Alfred may write to Clarence Rogers, Salem, W. Va. Mr. Rogers is temporarily keeping that file and may be requested to record new information or to give out such information as will possibly be of help to churches faced with the problem of calling another pastor.

PRE-CON RETREAT

The program for the annual Pre-Conference Retreat of the young people is now arranged and mimeographed fliers have been sent out from Alfred by the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

Young people will be interested to note that the retreat will be held on the beautiful campus of Alfred University on the long weekend just prior to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Beginning at 3 p.m. August 9, it will end at 7 p.m. August 13. A fraternity house and a sorority will be turned over to the youths attending and they will be able to stay in the same rooms at a very nominal cost during the remainder of the week while Conference is in session. Conference President Bond announces that he will expect the young people to be active on the major Conference committees.

Meals for Pre-Con will be served in the parish house. The entire cost for attending the retreat is expected to be less than usual.

The youth (ninth grade age and above) will be divided into five interest groups called "Questshops" with topics and leaders as follows:

HAPPY ARE YOU WHEN YOU:

Understand Evangelism

Secretary Everett T. Harris

Know Your Bible

Rev. Herbert L. Polan

Establish a Christian Home

Rev. Victor Skaggs

Make Use of Audio-Visuals

Rev. C. Rex Burdick

Make the Best Use of Music

Rev. Delmer Van Horn

Others on the staff are: Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, director; Paul Green, business manager; Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, worship leader; Miss Ellen Swinney, historian and chief counselor; Mrs. Denise Green, girls' counselor.

Special features will include a message by the Conference president, a visit from Commission members, and an opportunity to see the color slides of Europe taken this year by Pastor Kenneth Smith.

Missions

From Missionary Board Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board was held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly, R. I., on Sunday afternoon, April 22. Rev. Harold R. Crandall as president of the Missionary Society called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock. There were eighteen members and six visitors present.

Secretary E. T. Harris was asked to introduce the visitors present. He presented to the board the shepherding pastor on the Southwest field, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, the field evangelist, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, and the vice-president of General Conference, Charles F. Harris. Each one responded with a brief message to the board. Mrs. Van Horn, Mrs. Hurley, and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis were also present.

Items of special interest will be reviewed. Further details of actions taken and detailed financial and committee reports may be found by reading the Missionary Reporter, a quarterly publication of the board. It will be in the mail soon, directed to church and denominational leaders.

It was reported that Rev. and Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley plan to move from Alfred, N. Y., to Boulder, Colo., following the completion of the school year at the School of Theology in June. It was voted that the board help on their moving expenses to the amount of \$120. Doctor and Mrs. Hurley will give assistance to the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church during several weeks of July and August and then attend Conference at Alfred.

Rev. and Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn plan to move from Brookfield, N. Y., to Fouke, Ark., the last of June where he will begin at once his pastoral services in the Fouke-Texarkana area and as shepherding pastor of the Southwest field. It is hoped that Pastor Van Horn may attend Conference and take part on the Missionary Board program.

From the report of the American Tropics Committee we may note several items

of interest related to the Jamaica and British Guiana fields, such as: (1) Supervisor Wardner FitzRandolph's visit to the British Guiana churches, leaving Kingston, March 14, and returning April 18; (2) progress of efforts to secure a full-time missionary couple to serve in British Guiana; (3) plans for the return to this country during the summer of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph and the hope that they may take a part on the Conference program; (4) Rev. Leon R. Lawton's acceptance of the call of the Missionary Board to serve as head of our mission in Jamaica (to be on the field by September, 1956); (5) the current shortage of funds which has necessitated a temporary slowing down of building plans at Maiden Hall in Jamaica.

Loren Osborn, chairman of the African Interests Committee, reviewed the work and forward-looking plans of our mission in Nyasaland. He told of the receipt by the board of a gift of \$1,500 from the Chicago Church for the construction of a new church building for Makapwa Mission Station to be known as the Armstrong Memorial Church, displacing an older church building which bears that name and which is then to be used for school purposes.

The treasurer's report and the report of the Investment Committee showed the Missionary Society's financial standing to be sound. There is a current shortage in the General Fund due to failure to receive the proportionate amount of denominational funds which had been anticipated, combined with the necessity to pay salaries in full and on time. The monthly payment on such salaries amounts to over \$2,000.

The Special Committee appointed to secure a successor to Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph as missionary to Jamaica and headmaster at Crandall High School reported as follows:

"The services of Rev. Leon R. Lawton, pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., have been assured. The terms of this call to serve as stated to Pastor Lawton are as follows:

"(1) To serve as missionary to Jamaica and headmaster of Crandall High School

presently located at Kingston, Jamaica, employment to begin July 15, 1956; (2) salary to be at the rate of \$2,100 a year plus \$200 children's allowance per child between the ages of 5 and 18 years; (3) travel expense to Pastor Lawton and family to be provided from Los Angeles to Alfred, N. Y., to attend General Conference, thence to Westerly, R. I., to meet with board members before sailing to the field of service; (4) expense of shipping goods to the field to be provided within limits of budget appropriation or by special provision of the Budget Committee; (5) the usual appropriations to be provided: for rent allowance (\$420 a year), for travel expense on the field (\$450 a year), and a mission car to be provided if possible; (6) one-year furlough in this country to follow a five-year term of service on the field; furlough salary to be at usual rate unless missionary does not intend to return to field, in which case it will be at three-fourths salary rate for one year or until worker finds other employment."

A letter from Brother Heinrich Bruhn of Germany was read informing us that the German churches were no longer in need of financial assistance from the board and requesting that we discontinue this help to them which has been so much appreciated in their time of need.

The meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn.

Encouraging Aspects of Work in British Guiana

A letter from Rev. Alexander B. Trotman gives the news that his wife is now discharged from the hospital in London and that plans are being made for her return home.

Pastor Trotman writes: "Doctor FitzRandolph's visit is closed and he departed on the 18th inst. Pastor FitzRandolph's departure was very keenly felt. Our season together was very profitable and enjoyable. There were two baptisms at Pomeroun."

A series of lantern meetings which were especially well attended resulted in several inquiries. "A gospel meeting was

held in Akawini Creek too. We had no less than 75 persons in attendance and the meeting seemed very inspiring. There is a regular call in this area for Seventh Day Baptist Gospel activities, as there is also at 'Diamond,' a thickly populated area about four miles from Bona Ventura, down the river.

"We want herein to show our gratitude and our appreciation for all done in our behalf by our brethren and above all for the supreme sacrifice of Jesus the Christ which gives us an everlasting inheritance with Himself and with the saints."

Rev. Benjamin O. Berry Reports

The quarterly report of Rev. Benjamin O. Berry is of especial interest. It covers the quarter ending March 31 and tells of presenting thirty sermons and addresses and making fifty calls in behalf of the pastoral work which he carries forward in the Vergenoegen and Wakenaam, British Guiana, Seventh Day Baptist churches.

The work of repairing and making of pews at the Wakenaam Church has now been completed. An application for assistance in repairing and painting this church has been approved by the board to the extent of \$95. A check for this amount has been sent to the clerk of the church through Pastor Berry.

It is encouraging to note that two conversions occurred during the quarter and two new members were added to the Vergenoegen Church (Auckland Seventh Day Baptist Church situated in Vergenoegen Village.).

Parika Church Repairs

Mrs. Martha Tyrrell, clerk of the Parika Seventh Day Baptist Church, Parika, British Guiana, has written to express the appreciation of that church for the assistance received from their brethren of this country, aiding in their efforts to repair and paint their house of worship. She writes:

"We are at work with repairs, painting to follow immediately. The amount received (\$160 on a \$453.88 project) will not carry us to the end. As we go further in our work you will know how we are

advancing soon. The amount sent was just the cost of work to be done." The Parika Church reported \$171 at hand, leaving an estimated amount needed still of \$112.88 British Guiana currency.

Mrs. Tyrrell was the recipient of a special gift to assist on recent medical expenses. She writes her sincere thanks and adds, "What can I say more of the goodness of the Lord. I do pray my life be spared that I will be able to do more than I have done before. Thank Him for mercies afforded me. I am improving nicely."

Mrs. Tyrrell wrote that her husband, Pastor Joseph Tyrrell was away at the time "on the Essequibo Coast for mission work." She mentioned the special meetings held at Parika when Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph was with them, telling of the church being crowded during the three evening services which were held.

Reformed Church Pastoral Letter

"Being a Christian means that we must submit to the Lordship of Christ, not that we should have an opinion on the meaning of life," says a pastoral letter recently prepared by the General Synod of the Reformed Church on the theme "The Life of a Christian in Dutch Society." Continuing the chapter on "Church and Culture" the letter says: "It (Christianity) is not a philosophy of life, but a decision of faith, which affects life as a whole." The letter holds that being a Christian is a task which does not come naturally. We are different from the world, it maintains. But this does not exclude our communion with the world, for the world, like ourselves, is an object of God's mercy.

In the chapter on "Church and Society" the pastoral letter continues: "What once was a necessary decision of faith, has now become a general doctrine of faith for many Christians. This is a view which is strongly favored by Roman Catholics, but also by some Reformed Christians. The danger of such a view is, that closed groups are formed and the unity within our people is lost. It is the task of the Reformed Church to sound a warning then." — E. P. S., Geneva.

JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE

Our Partnership

*The Urgency of the Hour
Demands Stewardship of Our Time.*

By Miss Joyce McWilliam

Call to Worship:

"The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth." "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

Hymn:

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Poem: "I Met God" by Cushman

I met God in the morning
When my day was at its best,
And His Presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Scripture: Luke 12: 32-40

Meditation:

What is our part in the work of the Kingdom today? The choice of action is ours. We can run away from reality as Jonah tried to do. Often it seems easier to avoid visiting the home where we know unhappiness exists.

A young mother and two children recently had chicken pox. The neighbor women took turns caring for them until a nurse could be secured. The mother developed pneumonia and spent two weeks in critical condition at the hospital. Her next-door neighbor made it a point to call or see her friend every day, even though it meant securing a baby sitter for her own children. These women could have easily made an excuse for not involving themselves in this difficult situation. Where would the Master think they were most needed?

We can change our mode of action or conversation to suit the trend of the group in which we are participating. Perhaps it may seem that we are making wider friendships this way, but are they lasting friendships? Maybe you have heard someone say, "I would have never guessed she was a good Christian." If Christ is the center of a life, do actions and opinions

of that person vacillate like a weather vane in a windstorm?

Sometimes we may find ourselves worrying about the future and how our plans will work out. We become so intent on arranging everything ourselves that we forget God's concern for us and others. At times it takes a drastic change in a situation to help us realize that our wishes are not always the best. It is then that we begin understanding that God stands by to lend a helping hand in this partnership of living. Even Jesus spoke of His reliance on the Father when He said, "The words I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

There is a story about a stranger who was questioning a farmer about the desirability of a rural community as a prospective home. In reply to the questions about the citizens, the farmer asked, "Stranger, what kind of people live in the community you came from?"

"They are bad people," he said. "They are gossips, slanderers, and cheap skates."

The old man shook his head. "You might as well move on," he said, "because that's the kind of people that live here, too."

Later, the same farmer was asked by another man about the people in the neighborhood. The farmer inquired what kind of people lived in the community from which the man had moved.

"They were simply wonderful," replied the newcomer. "I surely hated to leave such thoughtful, loving, kind people."

"That's just the kind of people you'll find here," beamed the farmer.

Which reflection do we leave in our community? If we share our time and talents in doing God's will, the treasures will last forever.

Prayer Song: "My Task" by E. L. Ashford

"Grant us, our Father, the quiet confidence of those who walk as in the company of the Master. Keep us from trying to enjoy a selfish Gospel. Give us hearts that overflow and hands that reach out to help others. Amen."

[Miss Joyce McWilliam is a young school-teacher in Crystal Lake, Ill., and a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. This summer she will participate in the Women's Board program of assistance to churches in Bible Schools and camps. — M. P.]

The Church and Juvenile Delinquency

Cases of juvenile delinquency are being reported almost daily. Magazine articles, public officials, and speakers are discussing the subject and proposing various cures; but very few people are actually doing much about it directly. Many of the proposals show no more vision or understanding than the simple "get tough" policy.

Many public schools evidence a sense of responsibility and are trying through citizenship courses, and by other means, to teach the duties of citizens. Boy Scouts and other youth organizations contribute much, especially in certain communities, to the solution of the delinquency problem. But moral conduct is very largely a matter of religious motivation, and schools and other community agencies have, with some good reason, avoided religious considerations.

It being a religious matter then, the church bears a great responsibility for leading in the effort to end juvenile delinquency. It is not an easy problem; it requires much study, prayer, and effort. The church program for youth and for adults should aim at achieving Christian conduct in daily life, and there should be a persistent effort to reach the entire community.

Church Camp Is One Answer

There are many ways in which the church can influence young people for good. One is through church camps. A church camp is not just a place to have a good time; if it is true to its purpose it maintains an atmosphere conducive to personal Christian growth and deep religious experience. Camping affords special opportunities because it is an experience away from home and close to nature. It should nourish a deepening Christian fellowship as people live together in a small democratic group and face together some of the problems of their own lives and of the world. Under trained and consecrated leaders these experiences make a lasting impression upon the campers. Unfortunately many young people, and particularly

many who need it most, are not privileged to attend a church camp.

Bible School Is Another Solution

Another very essential part of the church educational program is the Daily Vacation School. Many churches do not make the most of this great opportunity, and many parents do not realize its value. Vacation School is not a strenuous ordeal but a happy experience in group living under Christian leadership. The longer sessions on consecutive days make it possible to teach much more thoroughly than in the weekly church school, and the impression is more lasting. By the same token a three- or four-week school is many times as effective in character building as the two-week school. Vacation School is an opportunity to reach many unchurched children in the community and to interest them in the Christian life and in the church.

The whole church should be keenly aware of the importance of the church camp and the Vacation Church School, and church members should be anxious to prepare themselves and to serve as leaders in these great character-building enterprises. Everyone has talents that can be used somewhere in the program.

The Challenge of the Summertime

We hope that every one of our churches is now completing its plans for a Daily Vacation School and for sharing in the camping program of its Association. The Board of Christian Education is glad to help you find materials and information. We hope, too, that other activities are being planned for the summer to accommodate those who have more leisure in the summer. Don't forget the possibilities of adult camps and leadership classes. What is your summer program for high school students? Some will be needed as helpers in Vacation School; what will the others do in service to the church?

It would be a worth-while experience to hold a dedication service for all who have volunteered to help in the summer program of the church. Another in the fall for the year-around workers would also help to

emphasize the importance of such work. A recognition service at the close of the season would also be beneficial. And it is not too soon to plan for a leadership training class to begin in the fall.

Let's make the most of the summertime for the glory of God and the building of His Kingdom.
N. D. M.

For Jr. High

The Flutter of Wings

The other day the writer was hurrying to the post office on his bicycle with some mail that needed to be rushed to another state. He was feeling the power and speed of his light-weight, English wheel as so many other cyclists do when they are not tired. Up from the street sprang a pretty, clean-feathered dove which flew right in front of his face and disappeared. It was so close that he could feel the fluttering and whirring wings as the bird went by.

To feel and hear the flutter of the wings of a wild bird along a busy street gives one a different sensation than feeding the friendly pigeons in a city park or in the monastery gardens of San Juan Capistrano, that spot in southern California famous for its swallows and its pigeons.

You have no doubt read about one of the gods of ancient Rome named Mercury who is usually pictured with wings on his feet about the size of the wings of a pigeon. He was thought of partly as the messenger of the gods. The Romans borrowed the worship of this god from the worship of a Greek god Hermes about 500 years before Christ. They continued to think of Mercury as a messenger and as the god of eloquence even after Christ had come. You probably remember reading in Acts 14 that when Paul healed a cripple and preached at Lystra the ignorant pagans thought he was a god. They called him Mercury because he was more eloquent than Barnabas, whom they called Jupiter.

Paul was indeed a messenger — a messenger of Christ. He did not have wings on his feet but he traveled almost all over the world to tell people about Jesus. He didn't even have a bicycle to speed him on

his way. But Paul lived close to God and close to heaven. He often spoke about angels as being very real to him. Christians did not worship Paul like the heathen at Lystra did, but we can well believe that after he had been among them they could think back over the experience and could say that they had almost felt the flutter of angels' wings, for he brought heaven very close to them.

As you ride your bicycle, or hasten on foot to the post office with letters or tracts that will tell others about Jesus, perhaps you, too, can feel the flutter of wings. At least you can remember the verse from the Old Testament quoted by Paul, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" Sometimes we call tracts the white-winged messengers of God. Your feet may not have wings like Mercury, but God can use them and make them a blessing.

LIFE OF REV. HARLEY SUTTON

By Albert N. Rogers

Rev. Harley Sutton, beloved pastor and Christian education leader, died at his home in Alfred Station, N. Y., May 2, 1956. He was 53 years old and had been ill for eight years.

Born in Blandville, W. Va., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Sutton, he grew up in the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church. He attended Salem College and was graduated in 1927 in the class with Miss Madge Wilson of Pennsboro, W. Va., whom he married June 19, 1929. He studied for the ministry at the Alfred University School of Theology and received the B.D. degree in 1931.

Harley Sutton served three pastorates: at Nile during his student days, at Little Genesee, N. Y., from 1932 to 1942, and at Lost Creek, W. Va., for two years before his appointment in 1944 as executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. He had a true pastor's heart and was intensely interested in stewardship, in worship, and in Christian education and youth work in the church. While at Little Genesee he was secretary of the Allegany County

Bible School Association. He helped organize the first Pre-Conference Retreat at Battle Creek, Mich., in 1940. His hobbies were camping, hunting, and baseball, and he was active in community organizations.

From June, 1944, to October, 1949, Harley, as we called him, was a competent leader in Christian education. His correspondence grew immense as he was asked to advise local church leaders and as he identified himself with young people and their interests and problems across the denomination. He traveled widely and shared in youth camps and conferences. The monthly paper for boys and girls now published as "The Sabbath Visitor" was begun under his administration. He was planning to undertake graduate study in his field when illness forced his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutton's family includes a daughter, Mrs. Lola Webster of Rochester, N. Y., a son Lyle who is a student at Alfred University, and a daughter Luan at home. During the long illness their family life has been a source of inspiration to many. The Western Association youth camp was named Camp Harley, and a new organ at the Little Genesee Church was dedicated in his honor. When able, Harley shared by radio in the services of the Second Alfred Church where he was a valued member.

Harley directed that his eyes be given to the Buffalo Eye Bank, and within twenty-four hours after his death both corneas had been transplanted to blind persons who will thus be enabled to see. Cash gifts in his memory are being used to establish a library of worship materials at Camp Harley.

Funeral services were held in the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, May 5, with Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn officiating. Burial was in the Little Genesee Cemetery.

Survivors include his immediate family; his parents; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Fleming of Blandville and Mrs. Wakeman Bartlett of Bridgeport, W. Va.; three brothers, Walter of Albuquerque, N. M., S. Brady, Jr., of Blandville, and George of Michigan; and two grandchildren.

THE LIVING WORD

Luther A. Weigle
Some printers' changes

In 1 Timothy 2: 9 the King James translators wrote "that women adorne themselves in modest apparell, with shamefastnesse and sobrietie." The text thus appeared in 1611 and for sixty years thereafter. Then, as one of various printer's changes, the word "shamefac'dness" appeared. Its spelling was changed to "shamefacedness" in 1743, and this has been kept to the present day. The change is unfair to the King James translators, for the word which they used, "shamefastness," referred to character, while "shamefacedness" refers to appearance. Paul may be accused of failing to afford to women their full place in the life of the Church, but at least he did not require them to go about shamefacedly.

As published in 1611, 1 Corinthians 4: 9 read: "I think that God hath set forth us the Apostles last, as it were approved to death." In 1616, the word "approved" was replaced by "appointed," and this has remained. The Cambridge Paragraph Bible of 1873 restored "approved," but its example was not followed by others. The Revised Standard Version has, "like men sentenced to death."

In 1 Corinthians 12: 28 the 1611 King James Version had "helps in governments." But the Greek text does not support the "in," and it was deleted in 1629 and thereafter.

In the King James Version of 1611 the second half of Mark 10: 18 read: "There is no man good, but one, that is God." Beginning with 1638, this was changed to read: "there is none good but one, that is, God."

A literal translation of the Greek (John 14: 6) is "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The 1611 King James Version omitted the first "and," reading "I am the way, the truth, and the life." In 1638 the missing "and" was inserted, and it was retained in further printings until 1817, after which it was dropped again. The revised versions, from 1881 on, restored it.

For a careful study of the changes in the successive printings of the King James

Version, see the book by F. H. A. Scriver, entitled *The Authorized Edition of the English Bible (1611), Its Subsequent Reprints and Modern Representatives*. This was published by the Cambridge University Press in 1884, and is still in print and on sale.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — Our church will entertain the Western Association June 16 and 17. At present the old church sheds are being removed. Plans are made for painting the parish house.

Supply Pastor O. B. Hill of Wellsville continues to attract people from larger areas for our Sabbath morning services.

The Committee for Vacation Bible School has applied to the Women's Board for a supervisor.

Four former members of Andover Church recently joined here. Three others at the same time united with us as associate members. Others are considering membership.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — April was characterized by much activity. A stirring sermon on "A Cubic Inch of Wheat" concerning a tithing experiment was given on April 7. The same day a group from the church went to San Diego for an afternoon service at the YMCA hall. The gathering was blessed and gives promise as a nucleus for a permanent and growing fellowship. Pastor Wheeler and Rev. Victor Johnson conducted the service.

The Pacific Coast Association meetings were especially inspiring. The fact that two young candidates for service in the mission fields were in attendance added life to the meetings — Pastor Leon Lawton of the Los Angeles Church, committed to serve in Jamaica, and Dr. Victor Burdick, president of the association, eagerly awaited in Nyasaland.

A family night with the showing of a film, "The Heart of India," added to our awareness of the Gospel need in that land.

Work continues most every Sunday at Pacific Pines Camp, and plans are becoming reality in regard to a finished

boys' barracks by the camping season, which begins July 1 and continues through July 29.

Three new members were received into the church on April 21, which brought added rejoicing. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — In our feature article on the early settlers of North Loup in the April 9 issue, the writer failed to mention Mrs. Jay (Stella Rood) Van Horn now of Edinburg, Texas, as coming from Wisconsin with the first settlers and being at the first meeting, although she was less than a year old at the time.

The Easter season was marked by the usual custom of sending a case of eggs to the Children's Home in Omaha. The Sabbath morning service was musical and meditative. It was followed by the Communion service.

When Pastor Saunders was at Nortonville, Kan., with the quartet, the pulpit was acceptably occupied by Rev. Mr. Buehler of the Methodist Church, who also taught the pastor's Sabbath school class.

The Warren Brannon family en route from Burns, Ore., to Ithaca, N. Y., were at church Palm Sabbath, and gave an uplift to the musical part of the service. He played "The Palms" on his trombone as a voluntary and she sang "Calvary" as an offertory.

The 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams was observed in March by having all their children and grandchildren with them.

Ronald Goodrich, one of our young men who served in the Armed Forces, has finished his training at a barber school in Omaha and is now a full-time barber in the Bates Copeland shop.

Kenneth Clement and his wife, who were returning from overseas army duty, stopped here recently to visit their parents. Mrs. Clement remained at Ord, Neb., with her parents and Kenneth went on to Ft. Ord, Calif., where he is stationed.

One of our young people, Phyllis Christiansen, in training at Bryan Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, was "capped" March 4, 1956. — Correspondent.

Obituaries

Rogers. — Albert L., son of Dr. Albert C. and Elise Langworthy Rogers, was born Feb. 17, 1887, in Brookfield, N. Y., and died at the Harding Nursing Home in Waterville, N. Y., April 6, 1956, after an illness of six years.

He was married to Reba Nash who died in 1927. Later he married Marian Vunk. He was a member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church and took an active part in many community activities.

Besides his wife, he leaves five sons: Rev. Albert N., Alfred Station, N. Y., Kenneth, Jean, Gerald, and Douglas, all of Brookfield; a sister, Mrs. Muriel R. Babcock, Great Neck, L. I.; and 17 grandchildren.

The funeral was from the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Brookfield Rural Cemetery. M.C.V.H.

Stevens. — Maude S. May, daughter of John W. and Mary W. Gallentine was born in White Cloud, Mich., Oct. 26, 1884, and died in Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids, March 17, 1956.

She was married to Charles E. Russell in 1904 and to them were born five children. Mr. Russell died in 1914. Her second marriage was to John L. Stevens on April 19, 1916, and to them were born three sons and two daughters. Mr. Stevens died in 1927. All of her children survive her, six sons: Percy D., Charles E., and Jesse J. Russell, George J., Richard B., and John P. Stevens; and four daughters, Mrs. Lula Palmer, Mrs. Adelia Pratt, Mrs. Leonard Duly, and Miss Helen Stevens. Helen is the only one connected with the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which she was a member, by Rev. Elmer Christenson of the Mission Covenant Church (the pastor being ill at the time). Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery. O.W.B.

Sutton. — Rev. Harley H. Sutton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brady Sutton, was born in Blandville, W. Va., in 1903, and died at his home in Alfred Station, N. Y., May 2, 1956. A more extended obituary is found on page 333 of this issue.

New Executive Secretary?

At the recent Ministers Conference in Wisconsin it was announced that there is a strong possibility that the Commission may be able to have a new denominational executive secretary on the job by the time Conference meets in August at Alfred. The sudden death of A. Burdet Crofoot last November left that important office vacant.

The Sabbath Recorder

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, April 30, 1956

Receipts		Budget	Non-Budget
April	7 mos.	7 mos.	7 mos.
Balance, Apr. 1	\$ 26.60		
Adams Center	59.75	\$ 522.25*	\$ 25
Albion	44.02	184.65	50
Alfred, 1st	215.66	2,004.98	95
Alfred, 2nd		429.40	169
Assns., etc.		35.90	
Battle Creek		1,531.93	870
Berlin	20.42	324.93*	
Boulder	49.22	236.31	69
Brookfield, 1st	30.00	150.00*	
Brookfield, 2nd		219.93*	32
Buffalo		45.00	
Chicago	90.00	867.00*	100
Daytona Beach	92.05	348.80	20
Denver	59.70	330.25*	99
De Ruyter	47.00	566.50	60
Dodge Center	10.58	219.78	41
Edinburg	28.00	73.00*	3
Farina	40.00	215.00*	
Fouke		41.65	
Friendship	25.25	100.25*	
Hammond		28.00	
Hebron, 1st		75.00	
Hopkinton, 1st	98.30	712.55*	
Hopkinton, 2nd		25.00	
Independence	44.00	346.00	44
Indianapolis		105.00*	
Individuals		1,306.40	1,076
Irvington		250.00	
Jackson Center		50.00*	
Kansas City		130.00	
Little Genesee		275.16	
Los Angeles	25.00	502.93	118
Los Angeles, Christ's		50.00*	
Lost Creek		553.98	
Marlboro	211.56	1,194.91	130
Middle Island	16.00	117.50*	
Milton	470.70	2,725.01	528
Milton Junction	97.55	802.08	23
New Auburn	20.87	47.62	
North Loup		176.56	85
Nortonville	137.00	349.12*	50
Pawcatuck	346.11	2,275.00	259
Piscataway	56.00	148.00*	
Plainfield	437.22	3,096.24*	507
Putnam County		82.12	3
Richburg	90.00	157.00*	72
Ritchie	10.00	105.00*	
Riverside		1,273.09	113
Ryanoke	10.00	75.00	

Rockville	10.00	34.75	
Salem		595.00*	24
Salemville		63.24	
Schenectady		135.10	
Shiloh	282.50	2,360.50*	126
Stonefort	15.00	55.16*	
Syracuse		50.00	
Texarkana		12.81	10
Twin Cities		22.11	
Verona	146.10	649.41*	126
Walworth	20.00	80.00	
Washington		66.00	
Waterford	55.99	205.50	79
White Cloud	68.99	443.85*	44
	\$3,507.14	\$30,254.81	\$5,051

Disbursements

	Budget (Designated & undesignated)	Non-Budget Gifts
Missionary Society	\$1,211.84	\$ 6.49
Tract Society	205.44	
Bd. of Christian Education	363.52	
School of Theology	323.52	60.00
Women's Society	124.80	
Historical Society	55.04	
Ministerial Retirement	425.28	186.64
S. D. B. Building	40.32	
General Conference	439.36	
World Fellowship and Service	10.88	
Oneida Valley Natl. Bank, service fees	.15	
Balance, Apr. 30	53.86	
	\$3,254.01	\$253.13

Comparative Figures

	1956	1955
Receipts in April:		
Budget	\$ 3,227.41	\$ 4,141.03
Non-budget	253.13	1,619.73
Receipts in 7 months:		
Budget	30,254.81	26,409.41
Non-budget	5,050.57	8,226.87
Current annual budget	74,113.50	70,750.00
Portion of budget raised to date	40.8%	37.3%
Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.		
Verona, N. Y.		

*Rais'n' - These 24 churches have given more for budget items alone this year than for budget plus non-budget last year to date. We need at least 39 more asterisks.



"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,"

a volunteer choir like this one at Alfred, N. Y.,
helps a congregation to reach that goal of singing

"The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace."

The Pennsylvania courts have decided that alcoholism is a self-inflicted injury. Judge Reno said, "The act of drinking consummates the intention to experience the effects of drink." The court decided that insurance companies are not obligated to pay for disabilities arising from self-inflicted injury.

"Divorce, desertion, and marital unhappiness seem to be increasing among couples married 20 years or more. Middle-aged and older women attend bingo games, race tracks, and movies. What is the church doing to give meaning to the last third of a woman's life?"

— Dr. Richard E. Lentz.